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Title: Need to take necessary steps to commence the construction work of the international airport at Pune, Maharashtra.

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE (BARAMATI): In the last few years, Pune has grown rapidly and has become one of the important and attractive destinations for education, automobiles, and Information Technology industries in the country. But the city still lacks the facility of an international airport. The existing city airport is unable to accommodate and handle both cargo aircraft and a large number of passengers. In the absence of international flight connectivity facilities, passengers have either to go to Mumbai or to Delhi for taking international flights. The farmers are adversely impacted as their agricultural and floriculture products are reaching international markets late. Therefore, the necessary steps for construction of the proposed new international airport at Pune needs to be taken urgently. The project is very essential for the progress of the region. The new airport will not only open the gateway for Pune and adjoining cities, but will also bring in more business and enhance the connectivity with international destinations. Besides, it will facilitate a large number of people and help in boosting the economy of the region. Therefore, the hurdles in the project, such as land acquisition, should be sorted out urgently. As the project has been delayed, it is, therefore, urged upon the Minister of Civil Aviation to start the construction work of the international airport at Pune without any further delay.